

EMAN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ALERT NETWORK



What is EMAN's purpose?

The purpose of the Emergency Medical Alert Network (EMAN) is to facilitate rapid, confidential communication between public health officials and local medical and public safety professionals relating to unusual disease occurrence and other potential threats to public health in San Diego County, including acts of bioterrorism.

EMAN was developed in 1999. It is administered by the Community Epidemiology and Emergency Medical Services branches of the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

Who participates in EMAN?

EMAN participants include public health and safety, and medical professionals in San Diego County. Current EMAN participants include:

- Public health and safety officials
- Physicians (especially those with specialties in infectious disease, emergency medicine and primary care)
- Nurses (especially those with specialties in infectious disease, emergency medicine and primary care)
- Infection control practitioners
- Laboratory directors and managers
- Pharmacy directors and managers
- Hospital public information officers
- Others approved by HHSA

What information is sent?

EMAN participants generally receive information on the following topics:

- Occurrence of rare or unusual communicable diseases reported to the Community Epidemiology Branch
- Requests for heightened surveillance related to rare or unusual communicable diseases
- Recommendations on communicable disease identification, prevention, infection control, specimen submission and laboratory testing
- Emergency preparedness information

How do I receive EMAN alerts?

EMAN alerts are sent based on users' alerting preferences for receiving low, medium and high-level alerts. Low-level alerts are generally sent 1-3 times per month by e-mail only. Medium and high-level alerts are rare and may be sent to users' phone and/or pager numbers during an urgent public health situation.

Users are required to enter their username and password to confirm receipt of an alert and to access it. If confirming receipt of an alert by telephone, users are asked to enter a four-digit phone code.

Are EMAN alerts confidential?

EMAN alerts are considered confidential because they may contain information on investigations in progress.

**To access EMAN
alerts, go to
<http://sdeman.org>**



What is on the secure EMAN web portal?

The secure EMAN web portal at <http://sdeman.org> provides useful information for authorized San Diego County public health, safety and medical professionals, including:

- Current and archived EMAN alerts
- Communicable disease information
- Bioterrorism resources
- Physicians' Bulletins
- Disease reporting information
- Emergency preparedness

Who is the contact for EMAN?

If you have questions about EMAN, please contact an **EMAN Manager** at:

(619) 515-6620

How do I report legally reportable or unusual diseases?

Report unusual disease occurrence and legally reportable diseases to the Community Epidemiology Branch at **(619) 515-6620**.

For reporting after normal business hours, contact the County of San Diego Sheriff Communications Center (Station M) at (858) 565-5255 and ask for the on-call epidemiologist.

How do I apply for EMAN?

An EMAN application may be submitted online at www.emansandiego.com. An EMAN application must be submitted and approved prior to EMAN participation.

Personal information provided on the EMAN application is **confidential** and will not be shared or distributed. Private contact information is not available to other EMAN participants.

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